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IMPLANTS

AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 13, 2005, a response being due by January 13, 2006, please enter the present amendments and consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 11 have been canceled and new Claims 12 - 22 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format and also for the purpose of more clearly distinguishing the present invention from the prior art.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1, 4, 8 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(v) as anticipated by the Unsinger patent. Claims 1-3 and was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Goedhart patent. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C.